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SUBJECT: BARRY WHITE TOUR OF CUBA

1. ON JULY 9 EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT SUPER-STAR ENTERTAINER BARRY WHITE AND HIS ORCHESTRA HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM IN CUBA BY PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO. INITIAL CONTACT BY THE CUBANS WITH WHITE'S GROUP WAS MADE IN MEXICO BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY. THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE CUBAN MINISTRY OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

2. JOSE WILSON, MR. WHITE'S PERSONAL MANAGER, TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHITE'S ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

PUERTO RICO JULY 14-17

SANTO DOMINGO JULY 17-20

BUENOS AIRES JULY 21-25

LIMA JULY 25-28

HAVANA ETA JULY 30

3. WILSON SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD IN MIAMI BETWEEN

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HIMSELF AND A THEATRICAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING FOR THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. WILSON NOTED TO EMBOFF THAT WHITE AND HIS GROUP FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE USG NO LONGER IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL OF U.S. CITIZENS TO CUBA. HOWEVER, HE ASKED EMBOFF TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF WHITE'S PLANS. HE NOTED, IN ADDITION, THAT GROUP IS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR POPULARITY IF THEY GO TO CUBA NOW. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WONDER

WHETHER LATIN AMERICAN SENTIMENT AGAINST CASTRO WOULD AFFECT THEM.

4. COMMENT/ACTION REQUEST: GROUP HAS NOW LEFT CARACAS. GIVEN FOREGOING, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT LARRY A. THOMPSON, WHITE'S MANAGER AND NEGOTIATOR, IN LOS ANGELES WITH ANY ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS IT MIGHT HAVE IN REGARD TO PLANNED TOUR OF CUBA. NAME AND ADDRESS FOLLOW:

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EMBASSY IS REPEATING THIS CABLE TO POSTS ON WHITE'S ITINERARY, IN CASE WHITE'S GROUP ALSO CONTACTS USIS OFFICIALS DURING THEIR TOUR.
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